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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended by three-months to February 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.